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SUNDAY MORNING.....MARCH 4, 1860.

Democratic Meeting.

There will be a meeting of the Democrats of the Third and Fourth Wards at the Young Men's Democratic Association Hall, on Tuesday evening, March 6th, at 7 o'clock, p. m. A large attendance is desired, as business of importance will come before the meeting.

Vermont for Douglass.

A telegraphic dispatch from Vergennes, Vt., dated February 26th, states that three hundred Democratic delegates assembled in that place on that day. John Carse, of Rutland, President; Charles G. Eastman and P. W. Hyde, Douglass Democrats, were elected delegates to Charleston. Douglass was indorsed with nine hearty cheers. Vermont is the native State of Senator Douglass, and his gallant Democracy are warmly and enthusiastically for him.

The editor of the Journal makes several vain attempts to relieve himself from the imputation of advocating nullification. It will not avail; and his party are on record; they are going to fight for their rights in the Union, not out of it. This can only mean that they will resist the execution of laws they deem intolerably oppressive. The editor wants to call this revolution; but if successful, it merely nullifies a law, and stops short of revolution. It is nullification, and nothing else. The brethren in the present crisis have resolved about fighting. They have shaken their fists in the face of the Federal Government; they are dangerous.

The editor doesn't hesitate to avow that they may commit treason. The fire-eaters of the South are more discreet. They don't propose to fight. They will issue a manifesto, and walk out of the Union. They have a right to do this, they maintain; and we agree with them. We hold this to be a voluntary Union; and when it ceases to be voluntary, we want no more to do with it; it will not be worth preserving.

Our party have nothing to do with these movements. We are aware that revolution, nullification, secession, &c., are possibilities; but we don't take them into the account. We don't intend that there shall be any cause for such calamities. To be sure, there is some dead timber in the Democratic party that is tally shaken by the storm; so there always has been; but there are plenty of live Douglass, and the country is safe. We can assure the editor of the Journal and his party that they shall have no occasion to fight for their rights. They shall have no opportunity to commit treason; and the resolve to fight for their rights in the Union was premature, and in wretched taste. How incongruous with the professions of conservatism, ala yugism, that it is at the same time professed!

We suggest to the editor of the organ that he repudiate this resolution, and not under take to defend it. The further he goes, the deeper he gets into the mire.

Slavery exists in all our Territories by virtue of the Constitution of the United States. A Southerner contemporary repeats this declaration of President Buchanan, with great emphasis, several times in the course of an article. That doctrine would be very acceptable to the South, and we could wish it were so; it would settle the question of slavery if all held it, or would acquiesce in it. But, unfortunately, the Constitution says nothing about slavery in the Territories; and only assumes its existence in the States under the laws thereof.

The difficulty is, if slavery exists by virtue of the Constitution in all our Territories, how will it get out of any of them? A Territorial Legislature could not exclude slavery, and a State couldn't do it. We don't see how a State Convention can exclude what is in the Territory or the State by virtue of the Federal Constitution. It must stay there. A State Convention, to make a Constitution, would be as impotent to remove it as a Territorial Legislature. The truth is, the Constitution has nothing to do with the subject. Property in slaves is a Territory exists as property in anything else under the laws of the Territory. We don't believe a Territorial Legislature can abolish property in slaves any more than they can abolish property in anything else. They can get rid, however, of property in slaves as they can get rid of any other property they don't want, and the Federal Constitution can not prevent it; because it has nothing to do with what is or what is not property in a Territory.

It is stated that Mr. Seward's speech was manipulated by leading Republicans previous to its delivery, and that it is in fact the manifesto of the party for the campaign. This and other developments, both here and at New York, are held by astute politicians as forewarning the convention at Chicago. The action of Wisconsin is taken as indicative of the feelings of the far West. Mr. Seward has to encounter an immense combination in opposition. The friends of Chase, Cameron, Bates, Banks, &c., are working night and day to defeat him. They are sharp managers, and the chances are they will beat him. Chase is said to have written letters to Washington, pledging himself to the combination.

The New York Herald has been for a year or two railing at Douglass; but the editor is climbing down fast. He still insists that Douglass can't be nominated; but he says: "We do not yield to any inappraisal of Douglass' undeniability. He is a brilliant man, an experienced statesman, and would make a capital President." Oughtn't he, then, to be nominated? The amount of the Herald's out-givings is, that the Democracy will not nominate Douglass; but they are fools if they don't.

The best joke of the correspondents of the New York Herald appears to be a dispart of the instant. It says: "Cook, of Chicago, is here. He is waging a warfare against Douglass with the Illinois delegation, and is making some headway!"

We publish this morning a bill for giving aid to the construction of a railroad to the Pacific, which will be before Congress, and probably, become a law. In our opinion, aid to this great work must be given.

Plato seems to have been the patron of Know-Nothingism, saying, I know nothing but this, I know that I know nothing.

A glass not to be broken—Douglass.
A ring that is not round—the her-ring.
A jury that is never right—injury.
A canon that don't go off well—Buchanan.

Real estate transactions for the week cost up \$35,688.

Only thirteen marriage licenses were issued by the County Court Clerk during the past week.

Petitions have been addressed to the Legislature of Ohio, asking them to appoint a day of fasting and prayer to stope for the sin they committed by appropriating five thousand dollars for drunkenness and debauchery, in that treat given to the Legislatures of Kentucky and Tennessee.

We acknowledge the reception of the first of Cassell's Illustrated Family Bible. It is elegantly illustrated, and published at the price of 15 cents per number, by Cassell, Pethe & Galpin, New York. There are thirty-two illustrations in the number, and the entire work will be a valuable repository of biblical pictures. Send us the balance, Mr. Cassell.

Mr. Thaddeus Williams, of Louisville, proposes to issue a volume entitled "The Young Poets of America," which shall contain an original poem by each young poet in the land, with a portrait when practicable. The scheme is a capital one, if properly consummated, and has our best wishes. Mr. Williams himself has great poetical talent, as his frequent contributions to the Democrat will bear witness.

It is curious that the letter writers, previous to the meeting of the Reading Convention, were all at fault as to the name of Foster was not named. De Witte and Dawson were the prominent candidates; but they didn't win. Senator Bigler was on hand encouraging for the Bright platform, and signal failed; got one decidedly opposite. We have not the resolutions yet in detail; but we judge, from the telegraphic dispatches, that they are sound as a dollar, and will suit the live Democracy of the State—not the dead timber.

SOUTHERN FEELING ON THE CAUCUS.—A large and enthusiastic meeting of the Democracy of Petersburgh, Va., Friday night, adopted resolutions unanimously condemning the action of the Senate caucus in undertaking to manufacture a platform for the Democratic party. The resolutions were submitted by Hon. Francis E. Rives, one of the most conspicuous leaders of the Virginia Democracy, and long a member of Congress from that State. The resolution all over Virginia for Douglass is immense, and no doubt need be entertained that she will vote for him at Charleston, after casting a complimentary vote for her favorite son, either Wm. or Hunter, as the case may be.

DANGER THAT THE CAPITOL WILL FAIL.—At the conclusion of the regular business in the House Friday evening, the gold-headed cane we mentioned as having been purchased by the members of the Legislature, was presented to Mr. Speaker Merriweather, by Mr. Goodloe, who addressed him as follows:

Governor Merriweather: The members of this branch of the Kentucky Legislature have conferred with me the honor of addressing you to-day, sir, in reference to the interest which you have in the Republican party. I have, by my precipitation, given her true course to avoid it is to support the strongest man in the Democratic party for the office of President. That man I have indicated, in my opinion, is George Douglass. With him as the candidate, I have no doubt that he will again reiterate the hope that all those political friends in Louisiana, with whom I have, in past, co-operated, will lead the weight of their counsel and influence in aid of his nomination for the assassin's blade, he will loose, as he has already done, revolution in Italy.

The same house sanguine for publication early in the spring the first volume of a series of American histories, written in a popular style, and illustrated from choice designs by Perkins, Stephens, Herrick, Lumley, and others. The author is the Rev. Jacob Abbott, the well-known author of so many popular juvenile books, and the volume will be called "Aboriginal America."

—*Walter Ashwood: A Love Story*, by Paul Siogrov, author of "Schedesmia," is in press. It is a series of literary sketches, written during several years in the United States, Mexico, and Japan. Paul Siogrov, usually referred to by Clark, of the Knickerbocker, as a Russian Pope, is generally understood to be the literary name assumed by a member of the New York bar.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

Arrival of the Overland Mail.

MELLOY'S STATION, March 3.—The overland mail coach, with regular San Francisco dates to the 10th of February, and telegraph dispatches to the 11th, arrived here at four p.m.

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